शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Implementation of Cauvery water dispute Tribunal Award

933. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal, appointed by Central Government passed an interim Award directing the Government of Karnataka to release 205 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka implemented the Award and whether the interim Award was notified by Central Government; and

(c) if so, what action Government of India is proposing for implementation of the Cauvery Water Tribunal Award?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal has in its interim order directed the State of Karnataka to release water from its reservoirs in Karnataka so as to ensure that 205 TMC of water is available in Tamil Nadu's Mettur Reservoir in a year from June to May. The Tribunal has also laid down that this year the order is to be effective from 1st July, 1991. Notification of the order is not considered necessary to make the order effective.

Increase in efficiency of labour

934. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to make the labour more productive and accountable in the overall interest of the country and also in the interest of the organised labour itself; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to bring efficiency to the levels of developed American and European Countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) and (b) The Government have been making efforts to create conditions for achieving higher productivity of labour in industry, *inter-alia* through provision of facilities for education and vocational training of workers and promotion of participation of workers in management. Apart from motivation and skill of workers, productivity of labour is also dependent on other factors such as the nature and the level of technology, the condition of plant and machinery the availability of raw materials and utilities and organisational efficiency.

Steps to settle inter-State water disputes

935. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any concrete steps to settle Inter-State disputes as to sharing Inter-State river Water;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a statutorily authorised permanent Inter-State river water commission to settle inter-State river water disputes among the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) For amicable settlement of inter-State issues in water resources between the States, a Standing Committee of the National Water Resources Council has been constituted in April, 1990.

(b) Various suggestions in this respect have been made from time to time. The Government will examine all these suggestions including that of setting up River Valley Authorities.

(c) Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 has been enacted to provide for adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-State rivers and river valleys as referred to the Centre by the State Governments.

Increase in the prices of Steel

936. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the steel prices; if so, what would be the percentage of increase;

(b) what was the ex-factory steel prices in 1981-82 and what were the successive hike and what is the accumulated increase over the decade;

(c) whether productivity has increased; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the quantum of production in private and public sector per worker productivity in both the sectors at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) The Joint Plant Committee (JPC) has announced increase in prices of steel produced by Integrated Steel Plants by an everage of about Rs. 35/- per tonne following the increase in the sur-charge on excise duty w.e.f. 24/25th July, 1991.

There is no proposal at present to increase the base price of steel by JPC due to input cost increases.

(b) Information for the major items is given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d) The labour productivity for works personnel for SAIL (including IISCO) and TISCO for the last five years are as follows:

(Ingot tonne per man year)

Year	SAIL (including IISCO)	TISCO
1986-87	51	74
1987-88	56	74
1988-89	64	74
1989-90	65	74
1990-91	70	72

Statement

Trend in JPC Base price movement

(Rs. per tonne)

Item	As on 2-4-82	@As on 19-9-90	%Increase
Billets	3490	6055	73
Bars & Rods (Upto 12 mm)	4520	7055	56
Angles	4000	7630	91
Plates (AB. .5 mm—10 mm)	3900	9325	139
HR Coils (3.15 mm & less)	4100	9710	137
CR Coils (1 mm—2 mm)	5335	11,010	106
GP Sheets (0.63—1 mm)	6850	11,340	66
MC Sheets (0.63 . 1 mm)	6880	11,390	66

@Subsequently, the base price of steel has increased with effect from 24/25th July 1991 on account of increase in sur-charge on excise duty.